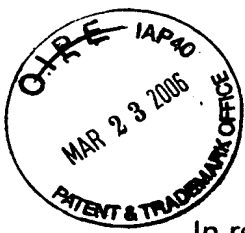


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| William T. Griffin et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1731 |
| Application No.: 10/608,089 |) | Examiner: DIONNE W. MAYES |
| Filed: June 30, 2003 |) | Confirmation No.: 8124 |
| For: STAND FOR ELECTRICALLY |) | |
| HEATED CIGARETTE SMOKING |) | |
| DEVICE |) | |

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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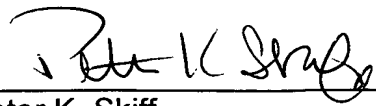
In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated March 14, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species covered by Group II, an electrically heated cigarette smoking device, including a stand which requires a base configured to support an electric smoking device, which includes electrical contacts, said base being operable to supply electrical power to a rechargeable power supply, Claims 7-17. Upon allowance of a generic claim, rejoinder of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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